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SUBJECT: GUYANA SUGAR CROP AND EXPORTS

REF: GEORGETOWN 577

1. WITH ALL GRINDING NOW HALTED UNTIL  
AUGUST, GUYANA'S SPRING  
SUGAR CROP HAS REACHED ABOUT 127,000 LONG TONS (ALL BUT THREE  
STATES REPORTING). THIS IS CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN EXPECTED IN  
VIEW OF THE LONG STRIKE EARLIER THIS YEAR (REFTEL). AS A RESULT  
GUYANA HAS BEEN ABLE TO MEET ALL ITSSALES COMMITMENTS, AND ALTHOUGH  
LOCAL RETAIL SHOPS WILL LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUAL SUGAR  
PURCHASES THERE IS NO REPORT NO SERIOUS SHORTAGE.

2. EXPORT VALUE (FOB FOR 115,000 LT'S) OF THIS SPRING'S CROP  
IS APPROXIMATELY US DOLLARS 80 MILLION FOR AN AVERAGE OF DOLLARS 696  
PER LONG TON. WHEN COMPARED TO ESTIMATED COSTS OF PRODUCTION OF  
ABOUT DOLLARS 252 PER LT THIS RESULTS IN SUBSTANTIAL GROSS PROFIT  
BEFORE LEVY. WE ESTIMATE LEVY REVENUE FROM SPRING CROP SALES WILL  
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BE AT LEAST US DOLLARS 38 MILLION. DEPT SHOULD NOTE THAT EXPORT

EARNINGS FROM 1975 SPRING CROP ARE EQUIVLENT TO ALMOST  
75 PERCENT OF TOTAL 1974 SUGAR EARNINGS.  
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